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SUBJ: US INITIATIVE TO RESUME PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE

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SUMMARY: ON MAY 31 ECON COUNSELOR PASSED CONTENTS REFTEL
AND COPIES SECRETARY'S TWO SPEECHES TO MFA ADDITIONAL
SECRETARY (ECON AND UN AFFAIRS) NIAZ NAIK. HIS RESPONSE
WAS MOST POSITIVE. NAIK WARMLY WELCOMED NEW US INITIATIVE
AND CONSIDERED US PROPOSAL MOST CONSTRUCTIVE. HE THOUGHT
GOP WOULD SUPPORT IT AND FELT IT WOULD STRENGTHEN GOP'S
MODERATE STANCE IN LDC FORUMS. HE DISCLOSED GOP WOULD
PRESS FOR EXPANSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO AS
MANY AS TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

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1. NAIK SEEMED VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE

USG PROPOSAL AND COPIES OF THE SPEECHES. HE PROMISED TO BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI. HE SAID THAT THE MFA HAD ONLY SEEN A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THESYVY 27 SPEECH AND HAD JUST ASKED ITS PARIS EMBASSY TO REPORT FULLY ON IT. AFTER READING THE USG PROPOSAL, NAIK COMMENTED THAT HE FOUND IT MOST CONSTRUCTIVE AND SAW IT AS A DISTINCTIVE STEP FORWARD IN THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. HE PROMISED IT WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY.

2. NAIK STATED THAT THE MFA HAS BEEN WORRYING ABOUT THE FAILURE OF THE PARIS PRLIMINARY MEETING, AND FEARED THAT DC-LDC DIFFERENCES WERE INCREASINGLY SOURING THE ATMOSPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HE THUS WELCOMED THE NEW US PROPOSAL AND FELT IT WAS AN INITIATIVE THE GOP COULD SUPPORT.

3. NAIK COMMENTED THAT IN LDC FORUMS OVER THE LAST YEAR, PAKISTAN ALONG WITH OTHER SELF-DESCRIBED MODERATES HAD BEEN SILENCED BY THE RADICALS, LED BY ALGERIA, CUBA, AND GUINEA. THESE COUNTRIES HAD SEIZED THE REINS OF LEADERSHIP AND DOMINATED THE CONTENTS OF LDC POSITIONS. THE RADICALS ARGUED, HE SAID, THAT ONLY BY CONFRONTATION -- NOT BY COMPROMISE, NEGOTIATION, OR BY ANY STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH WOULD THE DEVELOPING WORLD GAIN CONCESSIONS FROM THE DEVELOPED WORLD. EMBOLDENED BY OPEC'S SUCCESSES, DISTRUSTFUL OR HOSTILE TOWARD THE WESTERN WORLD, THE RADICALS MAINTAINED THAT THE LDC'S COULD ONLY ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS OF MORE RESOURCE TRANSFER AND HIGHER LIVING STANDARDS BY TAKING A HARD LINE AND FACINT THE WEST DOWN. PAKISTAN AND OTHER MODERATES LIKE BRAZIL, HE SAID, COULD NOT COUNTER THIS EFFECTIVELY AND WITH MISGIVINGS AGREED TO GIVE THE RADICAL APPROACH A CHANCE.

4. A YEAR OR MORE HAS NOW ELAPSED AND THE CONFRONTATIN APPROACH, NAIK SAID, HAS CLEARLY FAILED. THE LAST UN SPECIAL SESSION AND THE SANTIAGO MEETING ACHIEVED NOTHING. SINCE CONFRONTATION HAS NOW WORKED, NAIK THOUGHT THAT THE HAND OF THE MODERATES WOULD NOW BE MUCH STRENGTHEND AND THAT A PRAGMATIC, LIMITED-AGENDA KIND OF APPROACH, SUCH AS THE US PROPOSES AND PAKISTAN FAVORS, WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTED IN LDC STRATEGY SESSIONS AND OF

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ACHIEVING REAL RESULTS FOR THE WORLD. HE ADDED THAT HE SAW THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AS BEING CRUCIAL. IF SOME MEETING OF MINDS IS REACHED THERE, HE EXPECTED IT WOULD HAVE A SALUTARY EFFECT ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE UPCOMING UN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

5. TURNING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, NAIK SAID THAT THE GOP FELT IT WAS A MISTAKE

TO HAVE SO FEW LDC MEMBERS ON IT. PAKISTAN FAVORED EXPANDING
THE COMMITTEE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE TWO REPRESENTATIVES
FROM EACH GEOGRAPHICAL REGION PLUS A FEW OTHERS. PAKISTAN
ORIGINALLY FAVORED EXPANDING THE COMMITTEE TO EIGHTEEN
BUT WOUL
NOW SUPPORT A MAXIMUM OF TWENTY-FOUR.
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